



Dear Parents and Carers,

How amazing to have the little rays of sunshine piercing through the window in more ways than one! While it has been an incredibly challenging year, it feels like the cloud is gradually receding through the slow lifting of restrictions, increased number of vaccinations and what seems to be a continued drop in the number of infection rates. Crowland feels like the best place to be with a sense of buoyancy, excitement and contentment... Here is to another great month... Take care and enjoy the early signs of summer!

Best Wishes, Mrs Stav.



## Covid-Care

The government is continuing to update us on the 'road map' to recovery and the slow lifting of safety measures. There are early signs that in June there may be a change in distance measures guidelines. It is hard to decipher at this point, what this means for schools but we will keep you updated as soon as we receive new information. In the meantime, please follow the usual procedures: If your child has any of the following symptoms cough, fever, loss of taste and smell:

1. Keep your child at home and notify school immediately
2. Arrange for your child to have a COVID test
3. If your child tests positive, notify the school immediately and keep them at home for at least 10 days
4. Make sure the whole household isolates for 14 days
5. If another household member tests positive your child must also isolate for 14 days.

## Huge thanks for your 'Red Nose' Donations

We had so much fun filming our 'Jerusalema' Dance Challenge while raising money for our favourite charities. The children were absolutely fabulous! Our film editor is working on the finished product which should be ready for us to enjoy very soon. Once complete it will be accessible on our website. Special thanks to Rik Argent and our lovely Mrs Argent for all their hard work and special efforts!

Thank you everyone for your donations. The money raised will go to India's charity 'Khalsa Aid' which distributes oxygen supply to COVID victims in Delhi who cannot reach a hospital bed. The charity's motto is 'Recognise the Whole Human Race as one'. Our school community firmly believes in this idea and we feel this is a worthwhile cause; please check out the charity's excellent work on this link:

<https://www.khalsaaid.org/>



## **Diary Dates:**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

**Bank Holiday Monday**

School Closed

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Polling Day-School Closed

9:00-4:00 Daytime Parent Consultations

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

4:00-6:00 Evening Parent Consultations

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May-Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**June**

Half Term Break

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June-Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**July**

Summer Term 2



## Our Assemblies

Assemblies offer great opportunities in preparing our children for life's experiences, in developing their critical thinking skills as well as in understanding their place in the world as global citizens who have the power to influence and impact the world in many ways.



One of our recent assemblies has focussed on bereavement. Some of our children have experienced death in direct and indirect ways. At a younger age, it is sometimes difficult to make sense of a loved one's loss which can bring about a range of feelings difficult to understand. We used Prince Phillip's death as a way into this subject to discuss feelings and thoughts. We read a book called 'The Goodbye Book' by Todd Parr. If your child has experienced loss, it is important to talk through their feelings which could be so beneficial at such a difficult time.



Last week's assembly focused on challenging gender stereotypes. Sadly gender stereotypes still exist in today's society which can affect our children's self-esteem and prevent them from fulfilling their own dreams and aspirations as what should be everyone's right. Some healthy discussions arose which meant that opinions and ideas could be shared. We talked about women warriors in history such as Boadicea, women footballers for example Chelsea's Sam Kerr featured above and other successful women in sport such as Turkey's Kubra Dagli, a famous Tae-Kwondo champion. We also spoke about men's roles in the home where they may be looking after their children or taking on other household duties such as washing, cleaning and ironing. We believe that these are important themes for our children to engage with; while we don't believe in 'imposing' ideas, we do believe that it is important for them to develop critical thinking skills and to understand the society they live in.

## Curriculum News

With the school's great success in developing the broader curriculum, many year groups have been learning about interesting historical facts about some of the civilisations that existed in the past.

Year 4 have been learning about 'Ancient Greece' while Y5 have explored amazing facts about the 'Incas' civilisation.



As part of their Design and Technology curriculum, the children have been creating architectural design in attempts to replicate some of the incredible architectural achievements of these two great civilisations.

These are some of their beautiful results some of which reside in the display areas around our school! We feel so proud of this excellent learning. Well done Y4 & Y5!!

